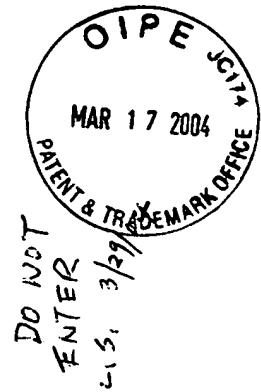


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In re Patent Application of:
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Filed: June 14, 2000

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DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING, A
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF, A
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
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